

Consumption of fire-wood by the Tramway.

68. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Tramway Engineer has issued orders recently that the consumption of $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons of fire-wood will be sufficient for every engine each day in the 3rd section of the Tramway ;

(2) how many engines are working in that section; and

(3) how long was the rate of 3 tons per day in force;

(4) will a copy of the new order reducing the consumption be placed on the Table ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Two.

(3) From 1st July 1926 to 5th December 1926.

(4) Vide reply to (1).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (3), was there any reduction after 5th December 1926?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No reduction.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the rate now in force?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Three tons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is 'how long was the rate of 3 tons per day in force,' and the answer given is 'from 1st July 1926 to 5th December 1926'. But then there may be some difference after that. I want to know whether there is any difference.

President.—What is the rate after 5th December 1926?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The Tramway Engineer has ordered that $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons will be sufficient for each day.

President.—Three tons was in force from 1st July to 5th December 1926. What is the rate in force after this?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government deny that the present rate is $2\frac{3}{4}$ tons?

President.—It is answered 'No'.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the present rate?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice.

Use of timber and tiles by the Tramway Engineer.

69. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state what was the amount of charges for the transport of (1) tiles and (2) timber paid by the Tramway Engineer for carrying tiles and timber for his personal use in connection with the construction of a bungalow in his estate up the Tram lines; how many tiles were transported

and how many tiles were actually used for the bungalow;

(b) how much timber and of what variety was purchased and worked in the workshop and how much money was paid by him for the same according to the accounts of the Tramway Department; how much timber and of what variety was actually used for the construction of the bungalow?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) (1) Rs. 10-9-0.

(2) Rs. 8-0-0.

1,900 tiles were transported and these were used.

(b) No timber was purchased for being worked. There was stock of timber in the workshop and from this 28·82 c. ft. of Pullamarudu and 13·50 c. ft. of Irul at a cost of Rs. 87 were purchased. These and 64·05 c. ft. of Pongu from the Pongu log that he purchased from the Forest Depot in 1103 have been used in the building.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—From the answer it is seen that 1,900 tiles were transported and these were used. I wanted to know the exact number of tiles used for the bungalow.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes, only 1,900.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that only 1,900 tiles were used for this bungalow?

President.—Were more tiles required for this bungalow?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice,

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I wanted also the exact quantity of timber used for this bungalow and that also is not given.

President.—It is more a private matter than a public matter, and how could the Government know what quantity was used?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—1,900 tiles were transported by Tram. That is all we know,

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I know there was a petition with regard to this matter. Was there an enquiry in connection with that petition?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There might have been petitions. I do not remember of having received a petition and whether there was an enquiry on that.

Tramway Engineer's tour to Trichur.

70. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the object of the visit of the Tramway Engineer to Trichur on 28th Medam 1104 and the amount of T. A. drawn by him for that date?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—To attend the special First Class Magistrate's Court as a witness. Amount of T. A. claimed is Rs. 7-4-0.